

## Poetry.

### THE SILVER AND THE GOLDEN.

Snows of winter, white and tranquil,  
When ye melt what shall appear?  
Autumn's russet? That is by-gone.  
Then the spring is near!

Snows of winter, white and tranquil,  
Swiftly passing is your hour.  
Golden crowns must follow silver;  
Wealth of fruit and flower!

Snows of labor, white and tranquil,  
Soon ye too shall disappear.  
Ye shall be among the by-gones;  
Spring to you is near.

Snows of labor, white and tranquil,  
Crown your faithful brow.  
Ye are near the summer country;  
Snows are melting now.

Calmly closes faithful service;  
Silver crowns ye've won;  
And the golden crowns shall follow,  
God shall say, "Well done."

## Church News.

### FROM TROY, OHIO.

We commenced a revival on Saturday evening, Jan. 26. Brother S. H. Bashor, of Waterloo, Ia., is preaching to a crowded house, and the interest is increasing each night, and we hope to be able to report many conversions ere the meeting closes. It is not necessary to say that he is an able man, as the brotherhood knows that he is a brilliant and fluent speaker and attracts a full house wherever he goes.

And let me say, he preached Christ and his Word with power and cuts close to the line, and sinners are trembling. And we hope to be able to report many conversions.

Fraternally,  
Feb. 1. SIMON MIKESELL.

### FROM NORTH MANCHESTER, IND.

Brother L. W. Ditch has just closed his revival here for us. He continued some over two weeks. The immediate visible result was one accession by baptism. We feel, however, that much general good has been done. Our Sunday-school is growing slowly in several ways. We are much pleased with our literature. Our prayer-meetings are fairly well attended, with fair interest. We average with our neighbors in these respects. Health generally is quite good. The Lord be with you.

W. C. PERRY, Pastor.

### FROM SALEM CHURCH, IND.

We are closing our fifth year as pastor of the Salem church, Ind., and in the midst of a glorious revival. Sinners are coming into the fold and the brethren are rejoicing. The country is stirred for miles around. Our house is large, but filled every night. Praise the Lord.

Jan. 29. WM. W. SUMMERS.

### FROM SILVER CREEK CHURCH.

We have enjoyed two weeks' revival services. Brother Gerhart, of Kansas, preached five very acceptable sermons. Then our pastor Rev. Burnworth continued the work aided on several occasions by Rev. George Friend of Norton County, Kansas. Three persons confessed Christ and were baptized. The spiritual life of the membership was much strengthened with these meetings. We had good weather and fine roads for the meetings.

On January 18, I opened a letter from Kenesaw, Nebraska, containing a pathetic appeal for aid, for a community that lost good crops by hail in 1892, and were stricken by drouth in 1893 and 1894. Ten minutes later I opened a letter from Henry Meyers at Milledgeville, Ill., saying: "Enclosed find fifty dollars contributed by the Milledgeville church and others, which is for the relief of the most needy people in the west you know of."

I at once sent twenty-five dollars to Kenesaw, and gave twenty-five dollars to Brother Friend, who is here raising a car load of aid for a band of brethren and neighbors south of Norton, Kan. These people know how to thank for such liberality. If any one says such charity should not be published from the housetop, I wish to reply that we who handle such sacred money, feel very much better if we can let donors know what we did with their gifts. Then too, this might awaken others to their duty. The destitute western people are as good folks as live. The most of seasons they prosper and build up a fine country. But just now many are hungry and bare-footed. Several years ago they sent train loads of their bounteous crops to aid eastern and southern flood sufferers. But now, where under the broad heavens shall we look for money to supply that vast country with the seeds they will need for sowing and planting in a few weeks. We who have prospered and been blessed with the good things of God, will need aid in the judgment day, if we quench the spirit and harden our conscience when the unfortunate call for help.

Very respectfully,  
Falls City, Neb. SAMUEL LICHTY.

### FROM FAIRVIEW, OHIO.

Our meeting at the Fairview church, Fayette County, O., which had been in progress since January 5, closed last night, January 31. The immediate results of the meeting were five accessions. The interest was good and the church seemed revived. I go to Winchester to-morrow to assist Brother Shively in a meeting there.

Feb. 1. J. M. TOMBAUGH.

### SOME SUGGESTIONS.

I have been thinking of the brother who started for some point and could not have his permits honored over certain railroads. Thinking there may be some who are not familiar with some things I pen these lines. Some railroads while refusing to give permits to any except preachers residing along their lines, yet will issue special permits if the preacher can satisfy them of their right to the courtsey, The Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago will not issue permits to any except to preachers residing along their line, yet this road is very friendly to preachers and will help them. When I went east I had a letter of introduction to their ticket agent in Chicago, and obtained half ticket to Pittsburg. On coming west I had no letter of introduction, but I went to the general agent in Pittsburg, stated I was preaching. Showed him my permits over two western roads, and in less time than it takes to write I had the order, in fact I have never been refused. Most railroad men treat the clergy right. Hunt the general ticket agent, (not ticket seller) and make your wants known, and you will get help, your permit over another road will be an introduction to the agent.

Our work is progressing, the meeting in Kansas resulted in twelve additions, two baptized in Carleton, one last prayer-meeting evening, and we hope for more soon.

JOHN DUKE MCFADEN.

### GLEANINGS FROM THE WAYSIDE.

Some may wonder why we have not reported our gleanings more frequently. Although we were silent we were not idle. The Lord is blessing us with health and strength to be in the Master's field. We recently held a short revival of some ten days at College Corner, one of our regular charges which was a revival in all that the term implies. A deep, spiritual interest pervaded the meeting all the way through. Although there were two other meetings running parallel with ours we had large audiences. We had glorious meetings, the church much revived and eight souls made willing to step in the good ship of Zion and sail for the port of glory.

WM. W. SUMMERS.

### FROM LOREE, IND.

On Jan. 27, we closed a twenty days' meeting at our Loree appointment. The interest became splendid. Members who had been absent from services for months started in anew. The immediate result was eight precious souls coming out on the Lord's side—one was a Catholic sister. Others were awakened to their sense of duty, and we feel the end is not yet; but previous arrangements called us away.

Fraternally, R. R. TEETER.